

Hopkins. I could go on and on with just about everyone from jazz to rock.

If you had to name your biggest influence, who would it be?

That's a hard one to answer because at one point I was sounding like everybody [laughs]. Then I welded it all into something else, so really my biggest influence is myself. Your biggest influences come from your major decisions, and my major decision was to think for myself and use everybody else as guidelines or roots. That's the most important thing, and I stress to all young artists that if they sound like somebody else, they'll probably make a good living, but if they really want to be completely happy and know their true selves, then they should recognize their individuality as human beings and have enough confidence to try things without relying on what they've heard before. □

ble. That thing is so sensitive; you don't want to hit a wrong note on it, I'm trying to keep the intensity, as if somebody else was playing the ARP.

Do you change your instrumentation or approach in the studio?

Not much, because I've always been conscious of not leaving the band in the studio. A lot of people sound nothing like their records because they do so much overdubbing that they can't duplicate their music onstage. Somebody else did play synthesizer on one of our albums, though, and it was the first time I'd ever been near one where you do the patch work yourself.

Do you have any final thoughts?

I just want to say that I hope there's enough here of what you readers want. I know CK is a technical magazine, but I'm more into the spirit and the soul of music. □

operatively with other trade groups, and making recommendations on various areas of interest shared by the member manufacturers. Questions about CAMEO may be directed to its *pro tem* director, David Schulman, Suite 3502 La Salle Plaza, 180 N. La Salle St., Chicago, IL 60601.

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Toccatas And T-Shirts. The Organ Historical Society is selling tan T-shirts depicting its emblem, an 1824 Lemuel Hedge case once located at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Windsor, Vermont, on the front, with the words "The Organ Historical Society" emblazoned above. Income from the shirt sales will be used to support OHS's activities, which include maintaining an organ history archive, sponsoring recitals, issuing recordings on historic instruments, and conducting an annual convention. Interested buyers should send \$4.45 and an indication of their size (small, medium, large, or extra-large) to the Society at Box 209, Wilmington, OH 45177.

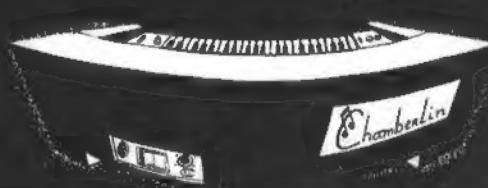
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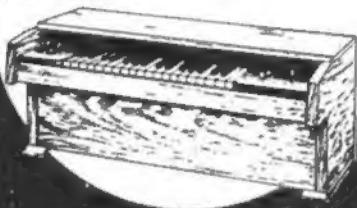


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FROM THE PUBLISHER

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have time to write Keyboard Report, do more feature interviews, and help out with some other special projects we'll be announcing in months to come.

It's the year move. Dominic is the right, and Keyboard Report is the left column. Be sure to look for it next month.

None of us at CK wore hats, they'd be off right now. A tribute to two of our contributors, who copped ASCAP Taylor awards in the thirteenth annual ASCAP honors to authors and journalists in the music field.

A cash prize and a plaque went to Diane Sward Rapaport for her July 1979 Contemporary Keyboard article "Making And Selling Your Own Records." This was the only magazine article Diane wrote during the year, as she was working on a book on the same subject. Another was Walter Schenckman, whose "Do-It-Yourself Approach To Musical Analysis," appearing in our May '79 issue, was chosen for an award. Schenckman has made a number of contributions to CK, most recently "From Composer To Consumer," which appeared in the June '80 issue alongside Rapaport's "Promote Your Career." When the ASCAP folks get ready to make next year's awards, we'll make sure they know about these new articles by our knowledgeable, talented freelancers.

It's the third year in a row that CK has been tapped by the Bechtold committee for excellence in music writing — David Berg Contests. Our Piano column was a winner in both 1978 and 1979 — and we couldn't be more

pleased. Hmmm . . . maybe some hats so we can have them occasions. Now, does any magazine that has a produc

Billy Taylor was on the road unable to get his Jazz Improvisation before deadline. And T vacation during the preparation and didn't have time to do Seminar column. Both colo next month.

CAREER

Peter Nero and the Philly large-scale Independence and concert live from Independence Hall on July 4th. A crowd of 250,000 heard the program American works (with Ne George Gershwin's Rhapsody finished in a fireworks display. Shearing has just completed for Concord Records with McRae. Shearing, who live Coast for many years, recent York City, necessitating a charent. All management and will now be handled by Joa Avenue Rd., Toronto, Ont Canada. Pianist Stefan Basix retired music professors emeritus status by North Tex city on June 18. He had been residence at the school for the

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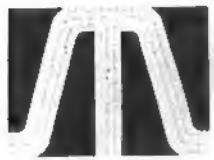
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Sound Sales, Inc. of Sherman, Conn., recently designated exclusive Mellotron distributor for the entire Western Hemisphere, is pleased to introduce two new models. The first is the Mellotron 400 SM, replacing the old Mellotron 400 (now discontinued) and the new double keyboard Mellotron Mark V. Both new models are vast improvements over previous designs and are readily available. Sound Sales has also introduced new service procedures as well as a new unprecedented warranty (included in this brochure).



How The Mellotron Works

Mellotrons are keyboard instruments designed to allow the player to reproduce the sound of any live or synthesized instrument at the touch of a key. This is achieved by a series of controlled playback heads which play back any pre-recorded tape at the touch of a corresponding key. Each key on the Mellotron has its own piece of tape and its own playback head. On the tape can be recorded any sound at all, each tape 3 tracks wide. So you have 35 keys, 35 heads, and 35 separate pieces of 3 track tapes. (Mellotron Mark V has two keyboards) All the tapes are arranged by customer's specifications, and there are endless combinations and mixtures readily available.

The Mellotron system permits all the tapes to be "cued" when any key is pressed. By means of a spring return system, any tape can be played to a maximum length of 8 to 10 seconds, and will return to the start instantly at the release of the key.

In order for the Mellotron to reproduce actual instruments as played, the endless loop system of recording is not used. Unlike a poly-phonic synthesizer, the Mellotron actually plays back a recording of the instrument with its own "Attack" characteristics. For instance, only on the Mellotron can a flute be played that is "tongued" at the attack of the note, or voices that pronounce "A-h-h" at the touch of a key. This returning tape system also allows any percussive sounds to be played back, such as Timpani drums, vibes, pianos, bells, chimes, gongs, cymbals and 1200 different 8 second sound effects, such as airplanes, cars, explosions, wind and rain storms, applause, laughter, etc.

Actually the sounds one Mellotron can make are limitless, including all and any musical instrument, and natural and unnatural sounds. All of these sounds and instruments can be mixed together to form different "sets" of tapes (a set consisting of 35 3-track tapes). These various sets are installed on the "removable tape frame" which will fit any Mellotron. This removable tape frame can be removed from the Mellotron and another set replaced, in a matter of two to three minutes without the use of any tools! This permits you to build a library of sounds and interchange them easily. Our new 1/4 inch tape conversion kit costing less than \$75.00 will enable anyone to make their own Mellotron tapes. This is yet another feature that no other keyboard can offer. Imagine making voice tapes of yourself or your group allowing you to sing a song and play chords and harmonies of your own voice on the Mellotron!

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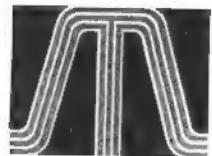


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Using and Operating the Mellotron

The Mellotron is a basicly simple mechanical instrument. Depressing a key simply drives a tape by means of the rotating capstan and the tape, being spring loaded, will return to start instantly upon release of the key. This mechanical system makes it very much unlike any synthesizers or electronic organs. There are no complicated electronic controls which might take weeks or months to learn how to operate. The Mellotron control panel consists of a master volume control for mixing used with swell panel; a high-low filter tone control; a variable geared pitch control; a multiposition track selector and the illuminated on/off switch.

Because the Mellotron action is controlled under the key similar to a piano, this eliminates any contact switching used with flimsy plastic keys as in all synthesizers and organs. The Mellotron keys are made from real pine manufactured especially for the Mellotron. Keys are covered in "Ivorette", the same as that used by many piano companies. This enables the Mellotron to have a unique "feel" when played. The keys even have individual adjustment for action enabling the player to control the "touch" of the Mellotron. When operating, you must consider that you are playing real instruments and the style of playing will vary according to the instruments being played. Certain instruments have a better "action" than others. For example, sustained violins have a slow smooth action, while all percussive instruments like vibes, bells, synthesizer, organ, etc., will have a very fast lead or action.

Your imagination is the only limit to what you can do with your Mellotron, as so many instruments and sound effects are available to you.

Playing the Mellotron and Installing Sound Systems

The Mellotron has a built-in pre-amp for headphone monitoring and dual level outputs, but no main amp or speakers are included. (Selection of an amplification system is an important consideration and should be chosen to suit the Mellotron's application.) Outputs

provided enable the Mellotron to be run thru virtually any system from a small home stereo to a massive P.A. system. The two outputs are as follows:

Attenuated output (Low Level): This output is used with any system that normally accepts guitars, mikes, or anything that does not have its own pre-amps.

Direct output (High Level): Used with slave type power amps, or to mixer being driven by power amps.

Both outputs can be used together such as low level to amps and high level to recording equipment or monitors and P.A. simultaneously.

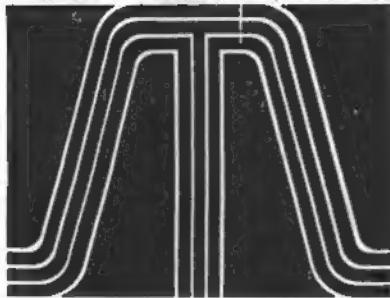
Mellotron tapes are recorded "Dry"; that is, no reverb or echo is added. To achieve "Live" sound, it is important that this be added. Built in Reverb is available for M 400 SM and is standard on the Mark V.

Echo units also have great effect on all Mellotron tapes. Other recommended attachments that "enhance" the Mellotron for certain effects are graphic equalizers, phase shifters, or other similar sound modification devices.

Conversions, Updating

To many of you the Mellotron may seem like a brand new instrument. Actually it is not. Mellotrons have been in existence since 1963 in very limited production. The new Mellotron 400 SM and Mark V are now the fifth generation Mellotron Products and we've come a long way in their development. This new generation of Mellotrons boast modern integrated circuit design. The servo-motor system is the most stable ever; it holds true to pitch under all kinds of temperature, voltage and load changes! The "I.C." pre-amps provide clean reproduction of the tapes, and matching outputs eliminates any need for line transformers or attenuators. Changes in cabinet construction and internal metal frame work make it very dependable for the road, home, church or studio.

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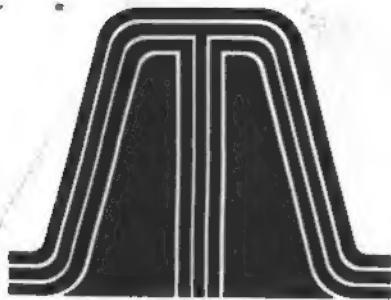
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